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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.—1854-5.**

In presenting the Annual Report of the Home Missionary operations of the Church for the past year, the Board, without dwelling at length on the nature and importance of the work in general, will proceed to give an outline of what has been done in the various departments entrusted to their care.

MISSIONARIES.

At the time of the last Annual Report there were on the Probationer's list the names of seven laborers, viz: the Revs. Alex. McKenzie, Daniel McCurly and Hugh Ross, and Messrs. Robert Grant, Samuel McCully, James McLean and James McKay. To these have been added by licensure the names of Allan Fraser and William Kerr, both licensed by the Presbytery of E. Island, while the names of Messrs. James McLean, James McG McKay and Allan Fraser have been removed from the roll in consequence of their having accepted calls and been ordained in pastoral charges. These brethren, except when prevented by private business, have been almost constantly employed, and from the reports presented the Board have pleasure in bearing testimony

to the diligence and zeal with which they have in general fulfilled the appointments given them by the several Presbyteries.—

The Board have also reason to believe that in general their labors have been appreciated in the various portions of the Church in which they have been called to labor. Of course there will not always be the same measure of acceptability in the various probationers, and the Board cannot disguise that as formerly a supposed want of acceptability of particular probationers has hindered the regular operations of the Board. The annexed Table (No. 1) will show the manner in which they have been severally employed. (See page 150.)

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The Board have felt this the most delicate part of their duty, in consequence of the conflicting claims of the several parts of the church, and the inadequacy of the means at their disposal to meet the demands upon them. They have endeavored to discharge this part of their work with an impartial view to the interests of the whole church, and also to the interests of each probationer. They have as far as practicable acted on the rule of rotation, and have found it to relieve them of many difficulties.

They are happy to say that the brethren of the several Presbyteries have shown the utmost forbearance, as sensible of the delicacy of their duty and the difficulties of their position. Only one collision has taken place between the arrangements of the Board and a Presbytery, which as involving a principle, which the Board had thought long since settled, and which the Board regard as essential to the harmonious working of the Home Mission operations of the Church, they have resolved to bring under the notice of the Synod.

#### VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The following vacant congregations have received supply, Cascumpeque and West Point, West Branch East River, Mabou, Harvey, Parrsboro and Maccan, and Gays River. The first of these was supplied, up till the first of May, by Messrs. Mc Cully, Ross, Fraser and Keir, receiving in all 29 days. Since that date Mr Grant has supplied them for a few Sabbaths and Mr Fraser has been ordained as their settled minister. From the reports laid before them, the Board have reason to believe that the state of the congregation has been rapidly improving, and that Mr Fraser enters upon his labors with the most encouraging prospects. In the Pictou Presbytery, the congregations supplied have been Mabou, and Hopewell. The former was supplied for two Sabbaths only, as the Rev. Jas. McLean had been ordained as their settled pastor. The congregation of West Branch received in all — days supply. In both these congregations the probationers have been fully remunerated. In the Halifax Presbytery the congregation of Gays River and Shubenacadie has been supplied by Messrs Mc Kay, Mc Lean, Grant and Mc Kenzie, and received in all 19 sabbaths. In the Truro Presbytery, Harvey has received almost constant supply from Messrs Mc Lean, Mc Kenzie, Mc Cully and Fraser, having received in all 26 sabbaths. The Board are happy to observe from the reports of these brethren that the prospects of the congregation here, notwithstanding the difficulties with which they have had to contend,

are highly encouraging. They have erected a new church in place of the one of which they have been so unrightly deprived.— It was ready for occupancy before winter set in and the congregation have been enabled to meet in comfort during the winter. They are extremely anxious to obtain a minister to labor steadily among them, and are somewhat discouraged that they have been so long suffering the miseries of hope deferred. The Board earnestly hope that the Great Head of the Church may soon send to them one to break the bread of life among them, and that through his kindness their “teachers may not be removed into a corner any more.” The congregation of Parrsboro and Maccan, vacant since the demission of Rev. A. Kerr in 1848, has at length been supplied with a settled pastor by the ordination of Mr James Mc G. Mc Kay among them. They were supplied previously by him and the Rev. Daniel McCurdy, receiving in all, till the 1st of May, 6 sabbaths supply. For the supply of these three congregations, demands have been made upon the Board to aid from one section of Shubenacadie to the extent of £2 13s 5d, Harvey £9, and Parrsboro & Maccan £5 16s 0d. While the supply given to these vacancies has been far from what it ought to be, yet the Board cannot help contrasting it with the amount in former years when vacant congregations were sometimes months without supply, or receiving only a solitary day's preaching from a neighboring minister.

#### MISSION STATIONS.

The number of Mission stations to which supply has been given during the past year and which have received aid from the funds of the Board is 19, viz: in Halifax Presbytery—Annapolis, Digby, Cape Sable Island, Locke's Island, Kempt, and Sheet Harbor. In Truro Presbytery—West Chester Mountain, Wallace River, Folly Mountain, Acadia Mines, Brookfield, Joggins, and Salmon River. In Pictou Presbytery—Baddeck, and Margarce River in Cape Breton. In P. E. Island—Tignish and East Point, with adjacent settlements, St Peter's Road, and

Springfield. The annexed table will show the amount of supply afforded to each, the amount contributed by the station and the amount paid out of the funds of the Board, showing as follows. (see table No. 2, page 151).

Contributed by stations in Halifax	
Presbytery,	£43 13 4
Grants from Board,	46 6 0

Truro Presbytery.	
Contributions from Stations,	£18 18 6
Grants from Board,	8 1 6

Pictou Presbytery.	
Contributions from Stations,	£28 18 10
Grant from Board,	17 11 2

P. E. Island Presbytery.	
Contributions from Stations,	£1 4 0½
Grants from Board,	12 5 11½

Total contrib. from Stations,	£92 14 8½
Total grants from Board,	84 4 7½

Total exp'se of sup'g M. St's £176 19 4

In most, if not all these, gratifying progress has been made. In some instances places in which a short time ago our church was almost unknown, will soon be in a position to obtain the services of a settled minister. A brief notice of some of the more important may be interesting. Annapolis has been supplied by Messrs. Ross and McLean, McKenzie and McCully, and has also been visited by the Rev. J. L. Murdoch and John Sprott. A few years ago Presbyterianism was here almost unknown except by report. The labors of your Missionaries, as well as of the members of Presbytery, who have visited them, have been the means of gathering a small, but active and zealous congregation. Good audiences wait upon the ministrations of all our ministers visiting them, and a decided impression has been made upon the community in favor of our principles. Hitherto our friends have been worshipping in a hall, but of late have obtained a site for a church in a convenient and central situation, and have resolved to commence, without delay, building a place of worship. And they are not without hope, that at no distant day they may be able to secure the services of a minister settled among them. Some supply has also been given at Digby,

but there is not so much doing there. Since the settlement of Mr Clark in Shelburne two stations in that neighborhood, viz: Locke's Island and Cape Sable Island, have presented loud calls for additional missionary labors. The former received a portion of Mr Clark's time regularly, and the latter in which there are a few zealous Presbyterians, and a large population destitute of sound evangelical preaching, the most urgent appeals are made for further supply. Mr McKay during the last summer visited both places, and also supplied Mr Clark's pulpit while visiting them. The Rev. Mr Cameron by appointment of Presbytery also visited Locke's Island. Mr McKay says in his report, "With respect to the whole field it is large and important. Mr Clarke has it all to himself as far as our church is concerned, with the exception of the assistance which he obtains from missionary labor, which though considerable, is yet small compared with the extent of the harvest field. His labors are crowned with marked success. But with all his zeal and diligence he cannot attend to all the calls made on him. There is a strong desire both on the part of minister and people to have another laborer: they are in fact now ripe for it." Mr Clarke also reports that Locke's Island and Shelburne are now prepared to take his whole time, and that Clyde River and Barrington, with Cape Sable Island, are now prepared to pay £80 toward a minister's support, and that if aided by the Board for a year or two, might soon become a self sustaining congregation. The Board need not say how desirable it is that this object should be granted, both for the sake of these places themselves, and also as a means of consolidating our Church in the Western part of the Province. It would give Mr Clarke the benefit of the counsel and assistance of a brother, and also with Yarmouth, a Presbytery might be formed in the West, which the Board conceive would tend greatly to the stability and advancement of the church in that quarter.

In the same Presbytery, Sheet Harbor and the adjacent settlements have been twice visited by Mr Grant. Here Mr Grant labored with exemplary diligence, preaching and visiting at Pope's

Harbor, — River, Spray Harbor, Taylor's Head and Quoddy. In each of these there are small bodies of Presbyterians, and during Mr Grant's last visit the audiences in each of these places amounted to about 100. The people here showed every desire for a more regular supply of gospel ordinances.

Mr Grant also performed two interesting missions to Kempt, preaching both on Sabbaths and week days for a period of nine weeks between Petite and Cheverie. At the former of these places the frame of a church has been erected, which is expected to be finished during the present season, or early after. It is expected to be capable of seating upwards of 200.

An interesting report of the stations in the Truro Presbytery by Mr McKay was received too late for notice in the present report.

In the Pictou Presbytery the stations supplied have been Baddeck and Margaree River in Cape Breton. The former place, which has been occupied previous to the last report, has been visited by Messrs. McKenzie, McCully, McCurdy and McKay, and also by the Rev. Jas. McLean of Mabou, and at each visit the interests of our church in that quarter seem to advance. A church is in process of erection, the outside of which was expected to be finished by the 1st of July, and the people are encouraged to hope that they will soon obtain the services of a settled minister among them. Mr McCurdy remarks—"On the whole, I think there is much to be expected from the cultivation of this new and important field of missionary effort. Baddeck is a rising village, possessing in its brisk and increasing trade, its central position, its surrounding country, its public buildings and its beautiful scenery, all the elements of prospective prosperity. The principal families of the place are nearly all with us, and active opposition, which is depriving us of the use of the Court House for public worship, was of more real advantage than otherwise, has nearly ceased."

On the north-east branch of Margaree River is a considerable body of Protestant families among whom your missionaries have been laboring with success during the past year, and among

whom there is the prospect of a flourishing station, and perhaps ultimately, of a self-sustaining congregation. They have been visited by Messrs. McKenzie, McCully, McCurdy and McKay, and also by the Revs. Jas. Bayne and James McLean. The attendance on the ministrations of all these brethren was good, and each successive appointment seems to have strengthened their interest in our church. The population consists of a mixed multitude of various denominations, but they are at present destitute of any regular supply from any body, so that the door is open for our ministers. At present it has been deemed advisable that the place should be connected with Baddeck as a mission station, and arrangements have been made with that view, and the Board believe that the two places united are prepared to support a minister as soon as one can be furnished.

From this review of the mission stations of the Church it will be seen that this department of the Church's operations has been, and is still, rapidly advancing. In those places occupied the Board believe that a good work is being done—that the gospel as preached by our missionaries is blessed by its great Author for the salvation of men, and that small Christian societies are being formed, and are making increase to the edifying of themselves in love." And the field is widening. New calls are being made upon us—new doors are opening, and still we have to complain that the laborers are few. There are some places where stations have been formed where during the past year no supply at all has been given.

#### OTHER PLACES VISITED.

Besides these places where Mission stations have been occupied, and which have received supply of preaching with some regularity, your missionaries have visited other quarters. Such visits we conceive to be desirable, as exploring the field, and making way for more permanent occupancy of new spheres of labor. In this way the Rev. A. McKenzie visited Ingonish, Cape North and St. Anns. In the two former places, the people being connected with other bodies, and having at least the promise of supply of preaching from them, it has not been considered right that we should interfere with them. In

St. Anns there is a large body professedly Presbyterian, who by the departure of the Rev. Norman McLeod have been left as sheep wanting a shepherd. Many of these were formerly connected with our Church not a few members of Dr. McGregor's congregation, and it is said would gladly receive the ministrations of our ministers if we could afford them supply of Gaelic preaching.

Mr McKenzie after leaving Harvey also visited several places on the St. John River, where as soon as Harvey is supplied with a stated pastor, will form mission stations.

Mr William Keir also visited Tryon in P. E. Island, but no report of his labors has been submitted.

#### CHURCH BUILDING.

The only grants drawn during the past year have been £10 each for Baddeck and Harvey, both of which were mentioned last year as promised. Ten pounds have also been promised to Port Hood to aid in finishing their church.

#### AID TO YOUNG MEN PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY.

Nothing has been done in this department, as no applications have been made to the Board. The Board have agreed to recommend, that this portion of their work should be transferred to the Seminary Board, and the expense borne either by the Seminary fund, or by a special fund for that purpose.

#### SUPPLEMENTING WEAK CONGREGATIONS.

In this department of the Board's operations two congregations have received aid, Yarmouth and River John, the former receiving a grant of £25, the latter of £10. The Board have under consideration the propriety of discontinuing the former, as they are of opinion that according to the original understanding it should have been discontinued before this time. In pursuance of the resolution of Synod of 1853 in reference to those congregations, the salaries of whose ministers fall below £100, the Board have been in correspondence with the Presbytery of P. E. Island, regarding two congregations within their bounds in this position. But as yet, nothing decided has been done.

#### FUNDS.

The Board are happy to say that the funds of the Board have been adequate to meet all the demands upon them, and

they believe that the liberality of the members of our Church will not fail to supply all that is necessary for the future. The following is an abstract of the funds. The whole contributions from the 1st of May 1854 to the 1st of May 1855 amounted to £299 7s 0Ad, of which was contributed by mission stations £——, and by congregations' collections £——.

The expediture has been as follows:	
Sup'g mis. stat'ns & weak cong.	£199 18 5½
Supplementing weak congreg'ns,	22 10 0
Church building,	20 0 0
Moneys paid in for special purposes and again drawn out.	10 8 4½
Miscellaneous,	36 0 9

£288 17 7

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board have according to the appointment of Synod prepared a code of rules and forms of procedure, in which any recommendations the Board have to make for future action are presented. The Board have agreed that if they be re-appointed they should have power to revive the plan proposed in the Synod of 1852, of obtaining the services of an ordained minister of experience at a respectable salary, to be employed in the better organization of stations. This plan the Board consider to have various advantages. The visits of our missionaries are at present very short, often not more than two or three weeks at a time. It will be at once seen that this is quite insufficient to bring a congregation into a properly organized state. Besides, many of the missionaries being young men, have not the experience in ecclesiastical matters to fit them to guide the people in such matters. From the very fact that in general they are only licentiates, they have not the weight with the people that an ordained missionary would have. Being probationers, and looking for a settlement, they must necessarily feel a delicacy themselves in interfering in any congregational matters, even when advice is needed; and anything they do in this way is liable to misconstruction. All these disadvantages would, the Board thinks, be obviated by employing an ordained minister of standing and experience on a yearly salary, who would be expected to spend from three to six months in one place, and who should have authority to take

all necessary steps for the organization of the people and gathering of them as a congregation.

CONCLUSION.

The Board have thus presented a full account of the work done during the past year. And while they are aware that the amount is far from being what they would desire, it yet is gratifying that so much has been done, and that

TABLE NO. 1.

	July	August	Septem.	Oct'r	Nov'r	Dec'r	Janu'y.	Febr'y	March	April	Pb'y: 28 days
Mr. Robert Grant	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 3	Hx. 3	Hx. 1	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 1	Hx. 2	1 P'b'ies
Mr. Samuel McCully	P.E.I. 3	P.E.I. 3	Pict'u 4	Pict'u 5	Pict'u 1	Truro 1	Truro 5	Truro 4	Truro 2	Hx. 5	4 P'b'ies 39
Rev. Daniel McCurdy	Truro	Truro	Truro 4	Pict'u 4	Pict'u 4	Pict'u 4	Pict'u 4	Pict'u 4	Truro 4	Truro 4	2 P'b'ies 25
" Hugh Ross	Halifax 4	Hx. 2	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 5	P.E.I. 1	Pict'u 2	Pict'u 2	Pict'u 2	Truro 4	Truro 4	4 P'b'ies
" Alexander McKenzie	Pict'u 4	P.E.I. 1	Pict'u 4	Truro 4	Truro 4	T. 2 Hx 2	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 3, P 2	41
" James McLean	Truro 5	Truro 4	T. 1 Hx 3	Hx. 1	Truro 4	Truro 4	Truro 4	Truro 4	Truro 3	Pict'u 5	14
" Jas. McG. McKay	Hx. 4	Hx. 4	Hx. 2		Truro 2	Truro 4	Truro 4	Truro 4	Truro 3	Pict'u 5	29
" Allan Fraser					P.E.I. 3	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 4	Truro 2	Truro 5	20
" William Keir					P.E.I. 1	P.E.I. 5	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 4	P.E.I. 5	18

Presbyteries.

The calculations are all made from the meeting of Synod, 1854, till the 1st of May last, or for 10 months, except the statement of funds, in which it has been considered desirable to present a view of the Receipts and Expenditure for twelve months.

Halifax	Truro	Pictou	P. E. I.	Total
28	16	11	6	28
6	9	16	25	89
6	4	5	11	26
13	18	15	41	41
5	9	6	14	14
8	13	6	27	27
66	71	53	18	200
			48	238

Hx. stands for Halifax Presby'ry  
P. " " Pictou do.  
Tr. " " Truro do.  
P. E. I. for P. E. Island do.

238 Sabbaths in ten months, or 276 for a year—being more than five years.

the prospects of enlargement are so promising. They believe that the Home Mission enterprise is taking a deeper hold upon the affections of the people, though they will not say that it has got the place it deserves to occupy. In so saying they would not wish to abate one shade of the interest felt in the other schemes of the church. They would only wish to see this have its own place among them. They cannot think that ministers and people are doing their duty in entirely overlooking this. They might do all that they are doing either for the Foreign Mission or the Seminary, and yet support the Home Mission too. The Board, however, have every confidence that the members of our Church will not be appealed to in vain, and that the Home mission enterprise will continue to advance, both in the interest manifested by members of the Church, as well as in the extent of the work performed. The enterprise yields to none in its claims upon us. The case of those who are our countrymen according to the flesh, who are perishing for lack of knowledge, and that almost at our own doors may well excite the sympathy of every Christian bosom, while

the prospects which are opening upon our Province, of a career of material prosperity, admonish the Church of the obligation upon her to leaven the whole country with the gospel of peace, so "that the generation which is to come may know the works of the Lord," and as the Province increases in wealth and population, it may advance in godliness; that those places now destitute may see their teachers, and that he fulfil his gracious word, "For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like

the desert of the Lord, joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." And thus the Church, increasing in numbers at home—"lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes," may go up the more vigorously "to the help of the Lord" in the great work of the conversion of the heathen. For this purpose let us give God no rest, praying in the language of the sweet singer of Israel, "God be merciful to us and help us, and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

GEORGE PATTERSON, Sec'y.

TABLE NO. 2.

PRV. OF HALLOW.	By Ministers.		By Probationers.				Total
	D'ys	Expenses	D'ys	Contr'd	Paid by	Total	
				by Station.	Board	by Prob'rs	
Stations.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Annapolis	2	3 8 8	18	16 16 3	16 13 9	33 10 0	36 18 8
Digby			2	18 8½	2 1 8½	3 0 0	3 0 0
Sheet Harbor			11	6 18 11	9 11 1	16 10	16 10 0
Petite and Cheverle			9	9 10 8½	8 19 3½	13 10	13 10 0
Cape Sable Island			4	3 8 9	2 11 3	6 0 0	6 0 0
Ragged Islands	2	8 0 8*	3	6 0 0		6 0 0	14 0 8
Total	4	11 9 4	65	43 18 4	31 16 8	78 10 0	89 10 4
PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.							
Stations.							
Brookfield			7	8 16	1 14	10 10	10 10
Salmon-River			2	1 10	1 10	3	3
West Chester			4	4 2 6	1 17 6	6	6
Wallace River			3	4 10		4 10	4 10
Folly Mountain			1		1 10	1 10	1 10
Acadia Mines			1		1 10	1 10	1 10
Joggins							
Total			18	18 18 6	8 1 6	27	27
PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.							
Stations.							
Baddeck			21	25 12 2	5 17 10	31 10	31 10
Margaree River	1	0 15	9	3 6 8	10 18 4	13 10	14 5
Total	1	0 15	30	28 18 10	16 16 2	45	46 15
PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISL'D.							
Stations.							
Tignish			2	16 6½	2 3 5½	3	3
East Point and Souris			4	7 6	5 12 6	6	6
Springfield			1		1 10	1 10	1 10
Tryon			1		1 10	1 10	1 10
St. Peters Road			1		1 10	1 10	1 10
Total			9	1 4 0½	12 5 11½	13 10	13 10

\* Including supply of pulpit.



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF THE SEMINARY AND THE DIVINITY HALL, 1856.**

The Board in once more laying their report before the Synod, have in commencement to state, that as in bye-past years, so in this the Lord has been pleased abundantly to bless the efforts made in behalf of our Theological Seminary. All along the reports have been favorable,—so favorable indeed, that some may have been led to take the representations of the Board with a little deduction. But the true and genuine friends of the Institution know and can bear testimony that the statements of the Board have been most just, and that the reports have tallied minutely with its past success and general history. The Board, therefore, believing themselves to have the confidence of the Synod as fully and as firmly as ever, and feeling increasing gratitude for the continued prosperity of the Institution committed to their superintendence, would themselves “praise the Lord for his loving-kindness,” and would call upon all their friends to join in the same anthem of thanksgiving. “O magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt his name together.” For “we sought the Lord and he heard us, and delivered us from all our fears.”

The Board now proceeds to give a short review of the transactions of last year, following the plan adopted in former reports as much as possible in chronological order.

**I. CLOSING OF THE SEMINARY, 1854.**

On Wednesday, Sept. 6th, the Board met in West River meeting-house, to superintend the examination of the students at the close of another session. Besides the Board, four ministers were present, and took part in the examination. The class of Professor Ross was first examined. This session was devoted to Moral Philosophy. Six students were present who had given regular attendance during the session. Each of the students had, during the session, composed several essays, as formerly, on subjects, for the most part, connected with the Professor's lectures. Each of the students read one of his essays. A number of general questions were put to the class by Professor Ross illustrative of the topics commonly discussed in a course of Moral Philosophy; and

then at the request of the Board he entered into a very particular and minute examination of the class: “On Man as an active being.”

Professor McCulloch afterwards proceeded with the examination of the Natural Philosophy class. Four students were present. Essays were read by the students as in the Moral Philosophy class. The Professor then examined the class on some of the general and leading principles of Natural Philosophy, and, at the request of the Board, particularly, “On the Mechanical Powers.” This portion of the examination, including the Moral and Natural Philosophy classes, occupied nearly four hours. At its close, the members of the Board and some others present expressed their high satisfaction with the whole proceedings of the day.

On Thursday morning, at 10, the Board again met in the Seminary for examining the students in the languages and mathematics. The junior Latin class was examined on Virgil; the senior, on Cicero; and the Greek, on the Idyls of Theocritus. Specimens were given in each class of parsing, construction, and scanning. The Professors stated to the Board what each class had read during the session; and sentences were selected, almost at random, which the students were required to translate and parse. Problems in Euclid were demonstrated; and several sums in division, fractions, simple and quadratic equations in Algebra, were brought out upon the black board. With the whole examination, the Board and others were greatly satisfied.

**II. DIVINITY HALL, 1854.**

On Sept. 7th the session of the Divinity Hall for this year, was opened by Dr. Keir, in the presence of the Board. The subject of his lecture was “Creeds and Confessions.” The number of students present was 12. The Hall continued in session 6 weeks, and was occasionally visited by some of the members of the Board. The work done, and the manner in which it was done, is minutely described in the Reports of the Rev. Professor. At the close of the session, the Board again met for the purpose of superintending the examination of the students.

*Dr Keir's Class.*—The examination of this class was commenced by four of

the students giving specimens of the discourses which they had composed and delivered during the session. In this way specimens were given of a homily, a lecture, a popular sermon and a thesis. Dr. Keir afterwards examined the class on some of the prominent and leading doctrines of Christianity.

*Professor Smith's Class.*—The students of this class likewise gave specimens of the exercises written during the session. Before the Board were read an exercise and additions, and four essays—one "On the history of the sacred text;" another "On the Hebrew Language;" a third, "Our ancient versions;" and a fourth, "On the manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments." Professor Smith had three classes in Hebrew—a senior, a junior, and a Chaldee. The senior class read Job chap. 4th; the junior, Gen. chap. 6th; and the Chaldee, Dan. chap. 5th. One or two specimens were exhibited of a passage translated from English into Hebrew. The manuscript was neat and the translation accurate.

At the close of the examination, the Professors gave a full statement of the course during the session; referring to the lectures which they had delivered, the topics discussed, the essays prescribed, and the different exercises in which they had engaged the students. With the labors of the Professors, the progress of the students, the course of study pursued, and the whole management of the business of the classes, the members of the Board expressed their entire satisfaction. We give, as usual, the reports of the Professors.

*Dr. Keir's Report.*—"The Theological Hall commenced on Sept. 7th, and continued till the 16th of Oct. In the systematic class there were 12 students. One of these, however—Mr McGillvray—had to leave before the end of the session from ill health. He was of the first year. Of the same year were Messrs. Daniel Fraser, Daniel McDonald, and Samuel F. Johnston. Of the second year were Messrs. John McKinnon and George Gordon. Of the third year were Messrs. John Matheson, Alexander Cameron, Samuel Johnston, and John Hardie. And of the 4th year were Messrs. Allan Fraser and William Keir. The behavior of these students was most exemplary, their attendance

regular, and they performed the various exercises prescribed. The students of the first year prepared and gave in a Thesis; those of the second year delivered a Homily; of the third year, a Lecture; and of the fourth year, a popular sermon. Besides these, there were other exercises prepared and read by most of them on Church History. The class met regularly every day, when a lecture was read, and some of the students were examined on the lecture of the preceding day, and discourses were given in by them as they were found prepared."

JOHN KEIR, S. T. P.

*Professor Smith's Report.*—"This session of the Divinity Hall being the first of a new course. We commenced in my class with Biblical Criticism, and considered at length its three grand sources,—Manuscripts, Ancient Versions, and Quotations from the Fathers; the constituent elements of a critical apparatus, and the appropriate means of obtaining a pure text. We next investigated a considerable number of disputed passages, by way of a practical exercise on the foregoing sources of criticism, showing their application and use. After this, the description of the various readings found in M. S. S.—their extent and causes, were considered. And, finally, the history of the sacred text, both of the Old and New Testaments, was traced through all the periods of its existence—pointing out very carefully and fully, the progressive improvement of the text of scripture as it passed through the hands of successive editors, since the invention of printing.

"This brought us to the second grand department of the course, namely, Hermeneutics. And after an introduction, in which were discussed the four following topics, viz: 1. The nature and object of Hermeneutics. 2. Requisite qualifications. 3. Province and exercise of Reason; and 4. Certain peculiarities in biblical interpretation;—we entered more directly on the main subject, and went over the first three chapters: comprising, first, the history of the sacred languages, including their origin, idioms, structure, changes, and other peculiarities; second, the principle and causes of biblical interpretation, illustrated and applied, by appropriate examples. And, third, the assistance afforded to interpretation by criticism,

versions, philology, and cognate languages.

“Exercises were prescribed on the principal topics discussed during the session. 23 chapters were read in Hebrew, most of them in the poetical, and therefore more difficult portions of scripture; some biblical Chaldee; and Greek from I. Peter to the end of Revelation, the greatest effort in languages we have yet made. I have great pleasure in bearing witness to the uniform diligence, punctuality, and good behavior of the students.

JAMES SMITH,  
Prof. Bib. Crit.”

### III. OPENING OF THE SEMINARY, 1855.

On March 7th the Board met in West River meeting-house for the purpose of attending to the opening of another session of the Seminary. After the meeting had been opened with prayer, Professor McCulloch delivered an introductory lecture “On Vitality.” 13 young men were present, and of these 9 were admitted for the first time. Previous to admission these 9 were very carefully and minutely examined. The examination gone into lasted for about three hours. Your Board refer to this circumstance particularly, because it was supposed that some had been admitted who had not come up to the qualification required by the bye-laws of the Seminary. It cannot be denied that some young men have been admitted who the Board did not consider had come up to the qualification required by the bye-laws. But the Board did not attach any blame to these young men, or to any party whatever. Many of these young men had no opportunity, from the localities in which they were situated, of obtaining such a preparatory education as the Board could have wished; and therefore the Board were under the painful necessity of rejecting them altogether, or admitting them at a lower rate of qualification. The Professors cheerfully agreed to fall in with the latter method, although the additional trouble to which it has subjected them has not been small. To perfect our educational system, it is evident to every one acquainted with its operations, that an elementary or initiatory Grammar School is necessary. The Board would therefore recommend this subject to the consideration of the Synod. Such an

institution would not only diminish the unnecessary labour of the Professors, but would enable them to devote their time and talents to the more advanced departments of science and literature—the grand object for which the Synod has been established. At the same time, the Board feel persuaded, that before any such measure can be carried into effect, the site for the Seminary itself must be determined. If the plan of erecting a grammar school should not be approved of or adopted, then perhaps it would be well to lower the standard of admission. It is evident, that retaining the present standard, and following out the present practice of admission, must ultimately prove detrimental to the institution. The Board, however, merely bring the subject before the Synod, and leave it with them to determine. They considered it their duty to do so.

What has been done in the Seminary since last opened, up to the present time, may be learned from the Professors’ Reports, which are as follow:

*Professor Ross’s Report.*—“The number of students in attendance is 18. Of these 7 attend the Chemical class, 9 the Logic class, 7 the senior Greek class, and 11 the junior Greek class.

In the Chemical class we have discussed the following topics: General properties of matter (very briefly)—Specific gravity—Affinity, simple elective, and double elective—Chemical combination in definite and multiple proportions, chemical equivalents, Isomerism—Theory of atoms—Nature of chemical action—Influences which modify chemical action; cohesion, light, heat, electricity and galvanism, calalysis—Crystallization, isomorphism, demorphism—Chemical symbols and nomenclature. The class is now engaged in the study of inorganic chemistry.

The Logic class have advanced in the usual course as far as Judgment, and are now occupied in the consideration of the nature and different kinds of evidence.

The senior Greek class have read extracts from the works of Theocritus, Moschus and Bion, 2 Olympics and 11 Pythic of Pindar, and nearly one half of the Medea of Euripides, in all about 75 pages of the 2nd vol. of the Majora. The junior Greek class during the

principal of the term has been divided into two sections for the purpose of more thorough drilling. The one section has read extracts from Herodotus and Thucydides; Ælean and Polyænus: Each section has read about 35 pages of the second vol. of the *Majora*. In this class Wednesdays and Saturdays are devoted to the Grammar. On Saturdays the senior class joins them in this exercise.

The attendance of the students has been regulated and punctual, and their general conduct, so far as known to me, exemplary and creditable."

*Professor McCulloch's Report:—*  
*Durham, June 26th, 1855.*

To the Rev. Mr Watson, }  
Sec. Bd. Sup. Sem. }

DEAR SIR:

Your enclosed has just come to hand, and I hasten to drop you a few brief notes, trusting that they will still be in time for the preparation of your report.

Beyond a brief interruption arising from indisposition, the classes under my charge have been carried on with the utmost regularity.

In order to meet other arrangements, it was necessary, you are aware, to divide the students attending the Latin department into three separate classes. Of these the senior containing seven, and the second four students, were occupied with a portion of the *Æneid* during the early part of the session. They have since read the first and a part of the second book of the *Odes* of Horace, and are now well advanced in the *Ars Poetica* of the same author.

The Junior class has read during the present session a part of the second, the third, and a portion of the fourth book of the *Æneid*. Besides the hour assigned to the class last mentioned an additional hour is spent by the chief part of it on the rules of syntax, &c.

In the Mathematical department we have two classes containing thirteen students. Of these some are well advanced in Quadratic Equations, while others again have only entered upon the study of Algebra at the commencement of the term.

In the Natural Philosophy class there are at present seven in attendance. The greater part of these, it may be mentioned, entered at the commencement of the present session.

The continuance of this class in conjunction with the chemical course, you perceive, is not in accordance with the arrangements contemplated by the Board, but from various causes it has been found impracticable to do otherwise.

The attendance of the students has been exceedingly regular, general progress satisfactory, and I am happy to add, that their conduct has not been less so.

I remain, my dear sir,

Yours very respectfully,

THOMAS MCCULLOCH.

#### IV. SPECIAL EFFORT FOR THE SEMINARY.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at last meeting of Synod, the Board, at its meeting, Sept. 7, 1854, took up the subject of making a special effort for the Seminary. After deliberation it was agreed that a Committee should be appointed to draw up an appeal, with a view to its immediate publication. Professor Ross, Rev. Geo. Patterson and the Secretary, were appointed a Committee for the purpose. About a fortnight afterwards, the Board again met, and Mr. Patterson, as Convener of the Committee, read the report and appeal. The report recommended that an effort should be made for £4000, and that this should be limited to two years. The Board approved of the suggestions made in the report and adopted them. The appeal was published in the "Register," and therefore it is unnecessary to refer to its contents. To carry these suggestions of the Committee, now become the resolutions of the Board, into effect, 9 ministers, in different parts of the province, were appointed to act as deputies, to visit the different congregations and localities, and to create an interest in the movement. Several of the deputies proceeded in their work, and upon the whole they proved successful. Had times proved favorable, little doubt is entertained that the sum would have been realized. Subscription papers are still going round several congregations, and the subscriptions are coming up fully to anticipation. But it was considered prudent, in the present circumstances of the country, to make a temporary cessation. Should providence again smile on us, as he has smiled for some years past, every hope is entertained that the effort will prove com-

pletely successful, and that the Seminary will then be placed on a basis which, with God's blessing, will put its permanency beyond all peril. Such is the history of the special effort for the year that is past.

#### V. LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

On this topic, there is not much to be added to what was contained in the last report of the Board. The only thing which requires particular remark is, one attempt made by the Board to increase both the apparatus and the library. In making the special effort for the Seminary, a number of sums were given, part of which was to be appropriated to the library and apparatus. At a special meeting for the purpose, held in the Seminary rooms, Jan. 3d, the Board made it a question, whether they might, previous to the meeting of Synod, take that money, or part of it, and appropriate it to the purpose intended, and trust to the Synod for approbation. The Board came to the conclusion that they might appropriate it. The reasons which induced them to come to this conclusion were, that the Board were applying these sums to the very purpose for which they were given,—that they were merely anticipating the action of the Synod for a little, since the Synod could give them to no other purpose,—that the Board would, in all probability, be the channel through which the money would be expended,—and, what appeared a very strong reason, that the students attending the Seminary at present would lose the benefit of the books and apparatus for one season if not expended now. It was therefore unanimously resolved that a sum should be appropriated and expended for this purpose. The sum fixed upon was £250, and to be expended in the following manner: for books and apparatus for the Seminary, £200, to be placed at the disposal of Professors Ross and McCulloch; for the class of Biblical Criticism, £30, to be placed at the disposal of Professor Smith; and for the class of Systematic Divinity, £20, to be placed at the disposal of Dr. Keir. Thus far the Board proceeded. None of the Professors have reported to what extent they have drawn or expended this money, and consequently the Board are not prepared to state what additions have been made

either to the library or apparatus. It remains now with the Synod to approve or disapprove of this proceeding of the Board.

#### VI. THE SITE AND BUILDINGS.

In their last Report, the Board urged strongly upon the Synod the necessity of fixing upon a site for the Seminary, during the meeting of Synod last year, and they urged as reasons, that the difficulty to be contended with would have to be contended with again,—that every where our people are becoming impatient,—that the Professors are exposed to necessary inconveniences, if not hardships,—that not a few seem prepared to assist in erecting buildings, and that the reputation of the Seminary, and in some respects, its usefulness, as some of the Professors can testify, are suffering from the want of them. These, or such as these, were the reasons urged last year, and now the Board can urge these same reasons and some others perhaps still stronger, with redoubled earnestness and energy. But this is all they deem it their duty to do. A Committee has been appointed of enquiry respecting the best locality for the Seminary. It belongs to them to be active, and your Board doubt not but they are. Still did it appear requisite that the Board of Superintendence should unite in making the demand for a speedy settlement, and by this means strengthen the hands and give energy to the efforts of the Committee of Enquiry. There is good authority for saying that "two are better than one."

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1. *Visitors to the Seminary.*—At their meeting on Sept. 6th last, the Board resolved to appoint two of their number to visit the Seminary, ascertain the progress made, and report to the Board. These visits were to be made every month, or at least every two months. Rev. G. Patterson and the Secretary were appointed to this duty, from the opening of the Seminary till the meeting of Synod. Three visits were made to the Seminary during that period, and every visit contained ground of congratulatory remark to the visitors. The advantages of such a plan were discussed at last meeting of Synod, and do not require again to be adverted to. It is for the Synod to determine whether the Board should continue to act on this plan.

2. *Books for the Classes.*—The Professors complained to the Board of the great variety of Books used by the students. Some had Scotch, some English, some French, and some American editions. This frequently created unnecessary difficulty to the student, and produced confusion in the classes. To remove this grievance, the Board ordered for the use of the students, 12 copies of Virgil, 12 copies of Horace, 12 Latin Grammars, 12 Greek Grammars, and 4 copies of Parker's Natural Philosophy. These to be the property of the Seminary. The Board have no doubt but this proceeding will be approved of by the Synod.

3. *The 5 years course.*—A committee was appointed by the Board to consider the propriety of extending the course at the Seminary to 5 years instead of 4, and report to the Board. As this would require a remodelling of the whole course, and alterations which they would not choose for a moment to make without the sanction of Synod, the Committee resolved to insert this statement in the report (with the concurrence of the Board) that the subject will be brought up before Synod, and have an ample discussion there. Accordingly the statement thus given is now before the Synod.

#### VIII. CONCLUSION.

The Board now draw their report to a close, and they would close it with the same prayer with which they began it; they would close it by calling on all their brethren to bless the Lord for the countenance he has given to this institution. Who among us will say that its success has not gone beyond his most sanguine expectations? Who among us does not rejoice to acknowledge that its first fruits promise a rich harvest? "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Do we indulge, then, in the delusive imaginings of the enthusiast, or is it the natural and legitimate result of sound reasoning and Christian hope, when we begin now to picture out in clear and glowing colors, the time when the back woods and the seashores of Nova Scotia shall have their own priests, to minister at their own altars, and these priests reared and educated at our own institution? Nay, more; is it too much to indulge the fond anticipation that the day will yet come when heathen isles and heathen lands shall pour out their benedictions on our now infant Seminary,

because from it shall have gone forth men of a true missionary spirit—men animated with the ardor of a Paul or a Henry Martin—resolved to extend the limits of the Saviour's kingdom or die in his cause? Looking forward to such results, and looking back to what has been accomplished, that Nova Scotia Presbyterian must have little of the philanthropist in him, and less of the Christian, who is not prepared to take a deep interest in our institution, and bid it God speed. "I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed upon them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses."

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WATSON, Sec'y.

#### WEST RIVER SEMINARY AND DIVINITY HALL.

On Sept. 5th, the Board of Superintendence met in West River meeting house, for the purpose of examining the students at the close of another session. The Convener was in the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Professor Ross. Besides the Convener and Professors, there were also present Revs. Dr. Keir, J. I. Baxter, D. Roy, Geo. Patterson, J. Waddell, and J. Watson. Mr. D. Cameron, Elder, was also in attendance.

Logic class was the first examined. Nine students were present. Professor Ross examined them for upwards of half an hour on the general principles of logic, and another half hour was spent in hearing the students read specimens of their essays. Mr. Dodge read part of an essay on Definition; Mr. Johnston on Generalization and Division; Mr. Blaikie, on Reasoning; Mr. Henry, on the laws of the Syllogism; Mr. McCurdy, on the Categories of Aristotle; Mr. McDonald, on the predicables; Mr. Falconer, on the figures of the Syllogism; and Mr. Robertson, on Hypothetical Propositions.

The Natural Philosophy class was next examined. Seven were present in this class. The subject to which Professor McCulloch confined himself, in the examination, was Magnetism, and particularly the polarity of magnets. After the

examination, the students read specimens of the essays which they had written during the session. Mr. John McKenzie read part of an essay on Electricity; Mr. Geo. Isaac McKenzie, on Galvanism; and Mr. Robert Laird, on Electricity. The examination and the reading of the essays occupied more than an hour.

The last class examined was the Chemical class. Professor Ross stated how many subjects had been discussed in this class. As in the other classes, the examination turned on the general principles of the science, and afterwards the students were heard read specimens of their essays. Mr. McLean read an essay on three of the Metalloids; Mr. D. McGilvray, on the Atmosphere; and Mr. Murray, on Iron.

The examination terminated here for the day. The members of the Board made remarks, and others present, who took an interest in the proceeding. The Board then adjourned till next day.

The Board again met on Thursday, at 10 o'clock, in the Seminary Rooms. Almost all the members of the Board, and other ministers who were present on the former day, were present now, with the addition of Professor Smith. The subjects of this day's discussion were the Classics and Mathematics.

Professor Ross examined the junior Greek class. Ten students were present in this class. They read a portion of the *Majora, ad aperturam libri*. Professor McCulloch examined the senr. Latin class on Horace's *Ars Poetica*. Fourteen were present in this class. The Senior Greek class was examined by Professor Ross, on the *Medea* of Euripides, the Board selecting the passage to be read, which was one of the choruses, and a portion of the body of the tragedy. The junior Latin class was examined by Professor McCulloch, the Board selecting the passage. Seven students were present in this class.

The Mathematical class was examined last. The Board selected several questions in Algebra, which were wrought out on slates by the students. The junior class demonstrated two or three problems of Euclid. Time could not be given to a similar examination of the Senior class.

On the same day, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Professor Smith opened the Divinity Hall with a very interesting lecture on the Canons for the interpretation of Scripture. He considered them

chiefly in reference to the figurative language of the Bible; exhibiting his views of the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land, and also of the Millenium, as illustrative of these canons. The lecture was listened to with much interest and attention. For reasons which can be easily explained, the number of Divinity students will be small this session.

A few remarks may be necessary before closing this report of the examination; as we have merely given a bare statement of facts, without making any observations on them.

In general, it may be stated, that all the members of the Board, and others present who expressed their opinions, were, as on former occasions, completely satisfied with the appearance and progress of the students. Every one was convinced that the Professors were not relaxing their efforts to advance the interests and character of the Seminary, or to promote the progress of the students. On this point there was unanimity.

It was remarked that on the part both of the Professors and students, there was an ease and freedom which were truly pleasing. They evinced that both the teachers and the taught were quite familiar with the subjects upon which the examination turned. Even when the answers given were not precisely correct—which was seldom the case—the very answers proved that acquaintance with the subject discussed was not wanting.

This is the first session in which there has been an examination on Chemistry. The beginning made was good; but justice was scarcely done either to Professor Ross or his class for want of time. All that was given was a short review of the general principles of Chemistry. But we know that, during the session closed, this class has gone much further than this, in the study of this useful and now popular science. They have studied some of the most important theories, had their attention directed to many of the most modern discoveries; and all these accompanied by suitable and illustrative experiments. It is true the time of the Board was much occupied; between three and four hours each day were all they could give to the examination, and at the same time attend to other business; but perhaps it would be advantageous, when any new branch is introduced, that the Board should limit the time given to other branches, and give a greater portion to it.

[Want of space here compels us to omit the concluding portion of this report, containing some interesting remarks on the success and general condition of the Institution.]

## Notices.

Monies received by Treasurer from 20th Aug. to 20th Sept., 1855.

### FOREIGN MISSION.

Sept. 1, 1855. From Antigonish cong., per S. Archibald, 1sq.,	£9 0 0
10, Rev. Wm. M. Christie, Chipeway C. W., being a collection from his congregation, 50s.; missionary box for Sabbath School, from do., £20s.,	8 10 0
19. Chas. Harris, Esq., Kentville,	0 12 6
20. East end Merigomish, per Mr W. C. Smith,	2 16 10½
Barney's River, per Mr. George McDonald,	1 19 4½

### SYNOD FUND.

Sept. 1, Cong. New Lon., P. E. I., per Mr. D. McLeod, 34s. 7½d.—P. E. I. cur.	1 8 6
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### SEMINARY.

Sept. 20. Evangelical Society Fish Pools, per Mr. Rod. McGregor,	2 0 0
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### SPECIAL EFFORT FOR SEMINARY.

Sept. 1. Rev. J. Keir D. D. 100s.; James Bearisto Esq., 60s.; Allan McNeil 3s.; Benj Thompson 6s.; Archd. Sinclair 3s.; Benj. Bearisto, 5s. 3d.—Is. cur. £8 17 3d.	7 7 6½
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Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission:

From Newe Kennedy, Brookfield. being proceeds of Little Girl's Tea Meeting,	£0 4 7½
Thomas W. Fulton, Economy,	0 5 0
Miss Eunice Archibald, L. Village,	0 2 6
From Rev. Mr Crow's cong., Noel, Maitland, and Five mile River, per Rev. Mr Baxter,	11 9 6
A web flannel 32 yds. from Ladies of the head S. Branch school, district north side, U. Stewiacke,	2 0 0
Mrs. R. H. Smith, 6 yds. flannel,	0 7 6
Ladies of Hardwood Hill, Upper Londonderry, 17½ yds. cloth,	1 10 0
Children of Sabbath School do. a parcel of sewing materials, &c,	0 5 0

Mrs. Bayne acknowledges the receipt of £9 4s. 1½d. from the Ladies of Antigonish per Miss Geddie, for the education of Miss J. A. Geddie.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet for presbyterial visitation at Antigonish on Tuesday 30th October; sermon by the Rev. David Roy.

The subscriber being engaged in collecting materials for a biography of the late Dr McGregor, will be obliged by those having it in their power, furnishing him with information either oral or written concerning his early labors. Incidents or remarks, trifling in themselves, may illustrate his character, or throw light upon the circumstances of the country at the time, and will be thankfully received. Any letters or other documents of the time may also prove valuable. Any person having a copy of a pamphlet on Slavery, published by him shortly after his arrival in this country, will particularly oblige by the favor of a perusal of it.

GEORGE PATTERSON.

Intelligence has been received that the *John Williams* will not leave England till next spring in consequence of the extent of the repairs she will have to undergo. Persons preparing articles for the mission will yet be in time. All such articles should be forwarded soon to be in time for the full vessels from this country to England.

J. & J. Yorston acknowledge receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission, viz:

From Miss Mary Arthur a pair of blankets, and from Miss Margaret Arthur a pair, for the Rev. Mr Gordon; from the Ladies of Sherbrooke, a box goods valued at £5; from the Ladies of Cape George, per the Rev. Mr Honeyman, 30 yds. flannel; from the Green Hill Penny-a-week Society, a parcel for Mrs Geddie, value £2 3s. 9d.; from Mr James McDonald, Green Hill, 22 lbs. patchwork, at 10d. per lb.—18s. 4d.; from the Ladies of Green Hill 31 yds. hom-spun cloth, value £1 18s.; from the Rev. George Patterson, a quantity of magazines, pamphlets, &c.; from the Penny-a-week Society, Green Hill, per Mr James McDonald, a parcel, value £1 7s.	
2 webs flannel 60 yds., at 1s. 9d.,	£5 5 0
1 " plaid 30 yds., at 2s. 6d.,	3 15 0
14 skeins yarn, 1ks. 8d.; cash 14s.	1 5 8

Total, £10 5 8

from the Ladies in connection with the Rev. Mr Watson's congregation, West River, per Mrs Anthony McLeod—5½ yds. flannel for Mrs Geddie's own use, 2 pairs blankets for Mr Geddie, [and 11 skeins stocking yarn, from the Ladies of Roger Hill, Pictou, per Miss Millar; from the Ladies of West



Branch, East River, Pictou, per John McLean, 2 webs of cloth, one white, containing 31 yds., and the other purple, containing 32 yds.; from the Ladies of Antigonishe, per Miss Geddie, a box of goods; from Miss Sarah Crocket, M. River, a small parcel; 2 webs, 61 yds. cloth, at 1s. 6d., £4 11s 6d; sundries for Mrs Geddie's private use, 10s. 7d; From Mrs William Halliday, for Mrs Geddie, 1 table cloth, collected by Mr George Johnson from the Ladies of New Annan, and forwarded by the Rev Mr Blackwood. From the Ladies of Campbellton and New London, P. E. Island, per str. Rosebud, a box goods valued at £8 18s. 3d., 1s. currency; from Miss Elizabeth McKay, Miss Helen Cameron, and others of James's Church, East River, Pictou, 30 yds. druggot, value £8 12s. 6d.; from Mrs Alex. Graham, W. River, a web print, 46½ yds.; from the Ladies of Cross Roads, Upper Stewiacke, a parcel containing a variety of articles valued at £8 6s. 11d.; also a pair of worsted stockings and a pair of socks for Mr and Mrs Geddie, from J. C. Creelman, Otter Brook, per steamer George McKenzie. From Mrs. George Oliver, 2 yds. homespun, 2s. 6d. ]

#### FORMS OF BEQUESTS.

Persons desirous of bequeathing property real or personal, for the advancement of Education generally, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, are requested to leave it to the "Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," this being the Synod's Incorporated body, for holding all funds intrusted to its management, for all Educational purposes, Classical, Philosophical, and Theological.

"I devise and bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of—[L. n land, describe it,—if in money, name the time when it is to be paid.]

If persons wish to state their object more definitely, they may do so thus:—

"I bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of—to be applied for the support of the Synod's Theological Seminary, (or) in aid of young men studying for the ministry, as the Synod may direct, (or) for the Theological Professorship Fund.

#### FOR RELIGIOUS OR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

I hereby bequeath the sum of—Pounds to my Executor [or to some other persons in whom Testator has confidence] to be applied in aid of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, (or) in aid of the funds of the Board of Home Missions, (or) to assist the congregation of—in erecting a place of worship.

In this way the bequest may be varied or divided to meet the wishes of the Testator.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at Rogers Hill on Tuesday 16th October, inst., at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Foreign Missions will meet on the same day at the same place, at 6 o'clock.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions having been directed by the Synod to endeavor to secure the services of Two Missionaries to labor in the South Seas, are now prepared to receive applications for that service, from ministers and Licentiates of the Church in Nova Scotia, or the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, or its branches in the Colonies. Applications to be directed to the Rev. James Bayne, Secretary of the Board, Pictou.

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